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**Finding Aid for
Eugene A. Sullivan**

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0034
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	President Eugene A Sullivan Papers
Date range	1947-1960, n.d.; Bulk 1950-1960
Extent:	1.5 linear feet (2 boxes)
Creator(s)	Eugene A Sullivan; Students and Faculty of the Worcester State College (Worcester State University).
Language(s)	English
Abstract	This collection contains papers of Eugene A Sullivan (1905-1981) fifth president of Worcester State College from 1947 until 1970 including personal and professional materials with an emphasis on the National Defense Education Act and Title II student loans.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands. Materials are fragile and must be handled with care. Collection includes media for which there is currently no playback equipment.
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.

Citation format	[Item title, year] Worcester State University President Eugene A Sullivan Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library.
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ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)	ACC.2018. 004; Pre.2015.009
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Provenance	Materials deposited prior to 2015 were deposited in the Archives by unknown person(s). Other materials were transferred to the archives by the Worcester State University Advancement Office.
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Processing information	Materials were rehoused in archival boxes and folders and organized by series. Media were rehoused in a protective container.
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Biographical and historical information	Eugene A Sullivan, the 5th President of Worcester State University, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1905. He graduated from Holy Cross College in 1928 and went on to receive a Masters of Arts from Boston University in 1934 and later a Masters of Science in Education from Boston College in 1942. Sullivan married Rose M. O'Donnell in Worcester in 1938. He began graduate work at Harvard University, but left to serve with the Army Corps during World War II. While in the army Sullivan was an expert marksman and inventor, providing the army with two new tools they used during the war. Sullivan was discharged in 1945 at the rank of major, but later taught classes at several military schools in Massachusetts on code breaking, cryptology and military tactics, earning him the rank of colonel. Following his time in the army, Sullivan was a professor of biology and mathematics at Fordham University and later taught physics and chemistry at Fitchburg State College. In 1947 Sullivan became president of Worcester State College. His tenure saw expansion of the student body, new graduate programs and new buildings including a new gymnasium and classroom building (1957), Science Building (now Sullivan Academic
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Center) (1965), and the Learning Resource Center (1971). During Sullivan's career he was president of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers and received an honorary degree from Calvin Coolidge College. Sullivan stepped down as president in 1970 and passed away in Worcester in 1981 at the age of 76.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains papers from Sullivan's time as president of Worcester State College between the years 1947 and 1960. The correspondence in this collection is mostly business having to do with Sullivan's role as President, but also includes some of his personal correspondence. The majority of the collection is made up of papers pertaining to veterans taking classes, payment for those classes and the funds being made available to the school through the National Defense Education Act and Title II student loan program. A recording of Sullivan's Inaugural address from May 13, 1947, recorded on five phonograph disks, is also included in this collection. The phonograph disks however can no longer be played due to deterioration of the disks themselves. A plaque honoring Sullivan's time as president of Worcester State College is also included in this collection.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged in four series.

Series I

Correspondence, 1950-1958

This series contains correspondence related to Sullivan's presidency as well as some personal correspondence during this year. Also included in this series is correspondence with the family of Robert Fox, a Worcester State Student who was killed in action during World War II. Included in this folder are newspaper clippings detailing Fox's death and his brothers time in the service, with whom Sullivan was in contact and written expressions offering condolences and remembering Robert Fox.

- Series II National Defense Education Act, 1959-1960**
This series contains information relating to the National Defense Education Act and the funding that was made available to Worcester State College and its' students through the grant itself as well as the Title II student loans.
- Series III Speeches and Awards, 1947, n.d.**
This series is made up of five phonograph disks, which contain a recording of Sullivan's inaugural address given on May 13, 1947. Some of the disks are unplayable due to deterioration. The five disks are labeled III, V, IV, VIII and IX. Also included in this series is a plaque honoring Sullivan's time as president of Worcester State College.
- Series IV Veterans Affairs (1950-1955)**
This series contains letters, bills and communications having to do with the Department of Veterans Affairs, specifically that the department was paying for several veterans to take classes at Worcester State University.

ACCESS POINTS

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

People

Organizations Worcester State College
 Worcester State University

General Massachusetts - Teachers Colleges- History
Subject Terms Worcester (Mass) -History
 National Defense Education Act
 United States. Department of Veterans Affairs
 Massachusetts. Department of Education

RELATED COLLECTIONS

WSU. 0001 Worcester State University Course Catalogs
WSU.0002 Worcester State University Yearbooks
WSU .0027 President Clinton Carpenter Papers

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

Series I Correspondence

Box/fldr Title

- 1.1 Correspondence: Personal, 1950, n.d.
- 1.2 Correspondence: Professional, 1951
- 1.3 Correspondence: Professional, 1952
- 1.5 Correspondence: Professional, 1958
- 1.4 Correspondence: Robert Fox, 1952

Series II National Defense Education Act

Box/fldr Title

- 1.6 National Defense Education Act, 1959
- 1.7 National Defense Education Act, 1959-1960

Series III Speeches and Awards

Box/fldr Title

- W.Wall Award: Plaque, n.d.
- 2.1 Speech: Phonograph Disks: III, V, IV, VIII IX, May 13, 1947

Series IV Veterans Affairs

Box/fldr Title

- 1.8 Veterans Affairs, 1950
- 1.9 Veterans Affairs, 1952
- 1.10 Veterans Affairs, 1953
- 1.11 Veterans Affairs, 1954